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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 09-MAY-2005

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	55-76	66-69	68.08	28

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

74.25

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

74.12

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-May-05

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	168,339	164,965

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.50	1,395
BREASTS - B/S	148.50	5,695
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50	1,351
THIGH MEAT - B/S	101.00	996
LEG QUARTERS	37.00	6,849
WINGS	84.50	2,948

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to occasionally fully steady. Offerings of all sizes were limited, as producers were noted as generally cleaned up for weekend. Increased problems with trucking were reported with the advent of seasonal shipment of more perishable product begins. Movement was light to fairly good, best into restaurants and fast food for Mother's Day activity. Floor stocks were well cleared to adequate; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade activity was limited and light as current commitments and earlier trade were sufficient for weekend needs. Offerings were light to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat items and about steady on the balance.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **WEEK ENDING MAY 06, 2005**

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	65.00	67.00**	66.14	EASTERN REGION	66.20**	65.20**	67.07
CENTRAL REGION	65.25	67.33	65.30**	CENTRAL REGION	65.80**	67.00	66.30**
WESTERN REGION	67.50	67.00	65.50**	WESTERN REGION	65.45	66.00	66.50**

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 30-Apr-2005 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

	THOUSANDS
Head	162,731
Avg Wt	5.46
Last week	161,112
Same wk yr ago	157,894
Avg Wt	5.30
To-date/2005	2,671,507
To-date/2004	2,610,991

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS THOUSANDS	YOUNG TOMS
Head	1,677	2,689
Avg Wt	16.54	37.71
Last week	1,646	2,639
Same wk yr ago	1,753	2,524
Avg Wt	15.97	37.93
To-date/2005	26,484	42,983
To-date/2004	28,806	42,018

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	135.00 - 136.00	135.33
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	186.00	186.00
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy		
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	165.00	165.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	570.00 640.00	589.87
168 3 Round, top inside round	187.14 205.00	193.68
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	699.00 720.48	708.23
Ground Beef 81%	146.00 160.90	150.16

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